

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 175

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Baylor School boys' swim team upon winning the 2007 State Swimming Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this great State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Dan Flack, the Baylor School boys' swim team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2006-2007 season, culminating in a state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Baylor School won its record-tying nineteenth boys' team championship at the 2007 Tennessee State Swimming Championship, at which the school also claimed the combined team championship; and

WHEREAS, the win marked Baylor's first boys' state championship since 1994, and it was a complete team effort, as every swimmer who competed this season qualified for the state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Baylor boys' swim team was lead by Junior Brad Hamilton, who won the 50 free in 20.70 and the 100 free in 45.15, both times just missing state records; Hamilton also swam on the state-record-setting 200 and 400 freestyle relays; and

WHEREAS, Baylor's 200 free relay combination of Brad Hamilton, Greg Roop, Michael Vredeveld, and Jake Hora raced to a time of 1:24.69, and the 400 free relay team of Josh Sosna, Nathan Vredeveld, Greg Roop, and Brad Hamilton posted a time of 3:08.30, surpassing the state records in each of these relays previously held by the Baylor School since 1993; and

WHEREAS, in the 50 freestyle, Baylor scored the most points by any team in an individual event. Placing first was Brad Hamilton; fourth, Jake Hora; fifth, Josh Sosna; and in sixth place was Michael Vredeveld, racking up a combined total of sixty-two points; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Vredevelt swam to fourth place in both the 200 and 500 freestyles, and his time in the 500 setting a Baylor School record and an automatic All American swim; Jordan Mauney placed second in the one meter diving; and

WHEREAS, other boys who scored points for Baylor were Graham Griffin, who finished ninth in the 100 breaststroke; Neal Davis, ninth in diving; Ben Lee, tenth in diving; Brandon Lord, fifteenth in 500 freestyle; Greg Roop, ninth in 100 freestyle; Josh Sosna, eighth in 100 freestyle; and Michael Vredevelt, who placed twelfth in the 100 backstroke; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable swim season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the Baylor School boys' swim team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in the pool and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we applaud and congratulate Head Coach Dan Flack and the athletes of the Baylor School boys' swim team upon winning the 2007 State Swimming Championship and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.